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HEREWITH FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE WEDNESDAY, JUNE
15 HEADED "WHITE HOUSE DROPS APPOINTMENT OF PORTUGAL ENVOY
TO A NEW JOB.' BY GRAHAM HOVEY.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 14--IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTEDLY SHARP
OPPOSITION FROM DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE
HAS DECIDED NOT TO APPOINT FRANK C. CARLUCCI, NOW UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL, TO THE TOP MANAGEMENT
POSITION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
SAID TODAY.

MR. CARLUCCI, A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO WAS DRAFTED FOR
HOME-FRONT SERVICE IN HIGH GOVERNMENT POSITIONS BY
PRESIDENT NIXON, HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO REPLACE RICHARD M.
MOOSE AS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT.
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MR. MOOSE HAS BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PREPARED TO MAKE A FIGHT FOR
SENATE CONFIRMATION OF MR. CARLUCCI, BUT THE WHITE HOUSE,
SENSITIVE TO RECENT ACCUSATIONS OF FAILURE TO CONSULT

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ADEQUATELY ON OTHER APPOINTMENTS, DECIDED AGAINST PUSHING THE NOMINATION, OFFICIALS SAID.

THE WITHDRAWAL ADDS TO AN ALREADY CONSIDERABLE DISARRAY -- SOME OF IT TYPICAL OF THE EARLY MONTHS OF ANY NEW ADMINISTRATION--EXISTING AT HIGH LEVELS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

MR. MOOSE HELD THE MANAGEMENT POST FOR ONLY FOUR MONTHS WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED EARLY IN JUNE TO HEAD THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. J. WAYNE FREDERICKS, A VETERAN AFRICAN SPECIALIST AND FORD MOTOR COMPANY EXECUTIVE, HAD BEEN OFFERED THE AFRICAN POST BUT HAD TO WITHDRAW AFTER BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

SOME STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, EXPRESSED RESENTMENT TODAY AT WHAT THEY REGARDED AS AN UNNECESSARY WHITE HOUSE SURRENDER AND A PUNITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD MR. CARLUCCI BY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICE TO REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS.

AFTER 15 YEARS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, WITH TOURS OF DUTY IN SOUTH AFRICA, ZAIRE, ZANZIBAR AND BRAZIL, MR. CARLUCCI JOINED THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN 1971. LATER, HE WAS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET AND THEN UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE. IN ALL OF THESE POSITIONS HE CAME UNDER FIRE FROM THE DEMOCRATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS.

AFTER HE RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE AS AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL IN JANUARY 1975, HOWEVER, MR. CARLUCCI'S PERFORMANCE DURING A TIME OF ACUTE POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN THAT COUNTRY WON CONSIDERABLE RESPECT ON CAPITOL HILL, ESPECIALLY FROM LIBERAL DEMOCRATS.

THE LIBERALS CREDITED HIM WITH PERSUADING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER THAT PORTUGAL COULD BE SAVED FROM COMMUNISM IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD JOIN ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES IN SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES THERE.

ONE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE OPPOSITION TO THE PROJECTED NEW APPOINTMENT FOR

MR. CARLUCCI DID NOT COME FROM LEADERS OF EITHER THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OR THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

AMONG THOSE WHO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO
MR. CARLUCCI WERE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BRADEMAS OF
INDIANA, THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP IN THE HOUSE, AND SENATOR
PAUL S. SARBANES, DEMOCRAT OF MARYLAND. NEITHER COULD
BE REACHED FOR COMMENT." (END TEXT) CHRISTOPHER

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